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Re: U.S. Patent Application to be filed under 35 U.S.C. §111 Claiming continuation-in-part status from International Patent Application No. PCT/DE00/00565, filed February 24, 2000, which claims priority from Federal Republic of Germany Patent Application No. 199 35 756.0, filed July 27, 1999.

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TITLE:

COVALENTLY CLOSED NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES FOR

<u>IMMUNOSTIMULATION</u>

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR NEW PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §111

Sir:

Priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

Please find enclosed herewith the following documents relating to the above-cited case:

- (X) 1. the above-identified patent application having 52 pages and 42 claims;
- (X) 2. a paper copy of a Sequence Listing;
- (X) 3. a diskette containing a copy of the Sequence Listing in computer readable form in a sealed envelope;
- (X) 4. a Statement of Identity Under 37 C.F.R. 1.821(f) for New U.S. Patent Application;
- (X) 5. an unsigned Supplemental Declaration and Power of Attorney document;
- (X) 6. 4 sheets of drawings; and
- (X) 7. a stamped, self-addressed postcard, return of which is requested to acknowledge receipt of the enclosed documents.

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STATEMENT OF IDENTITY UNDER 37 C.F.R.1.821(f) FOR NEW U.S. PATENT APPLICATION

Sir:

I hereby state that I have prepared the paper copy of document titled "Sequence Listing (NHL-NP-37)" (which is submitted herewith as part of the above-identified new U.S. Patent Application) and have recorded such document on computer readable form, and that information recorded in computer readable form is identical to that on the paper copy of the sequence listing submitted.

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